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LETTER DATED 23 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters concerning violations by the Kuwaiti side of the provisions of the cease-fire, I should like to inform you of fresh incidents of such Kuwaiti violations. They have been as follows:

1. At 0800 hours on 27 June 1992, the Iraqi fishermen Talib Jabir, Jabbar Awwad Kazim and Isma'il Ibrahim Abd al-Rahim left in a fishing boat from the Nazim area north of Khawr al-Zubayr in order to fish in the area near the island of Hijam and were detained by the Kuwaiti authorities.

2. At 1400 hours on 1 July 1992, the Kuwaiti authorities detained the Iraqi national Hakim Na'im Shayi' while he was inspecting his field on the boundary line with Kuwait.

3. At 1200 hours on 6 July 1992, five Kuwaiti vehicles equipped with medium machine-guns approached the field of an Iraqi national near the common line at coordinates 616349.

4. At 1700 hours on 8 July 1992, four Kuwaiti pick-up trucks equipped with medium machine-guns approached the field of an Iraqi national at coordinates 644316 and fired a number of rounds in the direction of the field. They then withdrew to the Kuwaiti rear.

The provocative purpose behind the repetition of such outrages is perfectly clear, and it constitutes a flagrant violation of the terms of the cease-fire as stipulated in Security Council resolution 687 (1991) as well as a breach of the instructions relating to the demilitarized zone between the two sides.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, in calling your attention to these matters, protests in the strongest terms against these open assaults on Iraq's security, the safety of its nationals and the integrity of its borders, and it holds the Kuwaiti side responsible for their consequences.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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